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In re Application of Shunji Araki et al.

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For: Rubber Composition And Pneumatic Tire Using Said Rubber
Composition

**DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.59**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.59(b), filed Dec 27, 1999, to expunge information from the above identified application.

The petition is granted.

Petitioner requests that a document entitled Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement, filed October 1, 1998, be expunged from the record. Petitioner states either: (A) that the information contains trade secret material, proprietary material and/or material that is subject to a protective order which has not been made public; or (B) that the information submitted was unintentionally submitted and the failure to obtain its return would cause irreparable harm to the party who submitted the information or to the party in interest on whose behalf the information was submitted, and the information has not otherwise been made public. The petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i) has been paid.

The information in question has been determined by the undersigned to not be material to the examination of the instant application.

Applicant is required to retain the expunged material(s) for the life of any patent which issues on the above-identified application.

The expunged material is returned herewith.


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Enclosure: Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement (Paper No. 4).